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THERE'S JUST ONE WAY TO END RACKETEERING

Sometimes an ordinary news article in the daily paper can be more educational than whole columns of careful exposition and exhortation.

A sample is a recent story which told how New York police, unshackled by Mayor LaGuardia, are trying to stamp out racketeers at the famous Fulton Fish Market.

This market happens to be the largest wholesale fish trading center in the country, doing an annual business of around \$25,000,000. Dealers, called before a police inspector, who is looking into the racket, testified that as a group they have been paying a certain racketeering ring \$5000 a year for protection.

Every tug that lands at the docks has to pay a fee; every truck that enters the market also has to pay.

And the dealers weren't especially anxious to have the police try to drive the racketeers out. Everything worked smoothly, they said. Paying the \$5000-a-year fee was a nuisance, of course, but it works; they did get protection.

Every so often some sneak thief would steal a basket of fish or something, but as soon as the "protective association" was notified, the stolen goods would be returned.

Thus you get the first picture; racketeers levying their toll in an efficient and businesslike manner, staging a theft now and then, and returning the loot immediately afterward, to demonstrate the dealers' need of their services. Now listen to the other side of it.

Last winter a patrolman who didn't believe in racketeers was assigned to duty at the market. He cracked down on the gangsters; he found one collecting tribute from an aged dealer, and he beat the daylight out of him.

For two weeks the market was entirely free of racketeers. Then a Tammany-controlled police administration transferred the cop out of there, and the old order returned in full swing.

Now Police Inspector Lewis J. Valentine tells the dealers that they might just as well save their \$5000 a year. If they will refuse to pay, he says, and will testify freely whenever they are threatened, the police can break up the racketeering ring completely.

"The racketeers will run like yellow dogs with their tails between their legs, if a good cop cracks them on the jaw," he remarks.

All this is deeply instructive. It shows just how a racket is worked and just how it can be stopped. To work it, you need political influence and a set of business men who would pay tribute rather than stand up for their rights. To stop it, you need only honest cops and fearless business men.

The way to stamp out racketeering, after all, is simple. You just stamp it out.

THE "CARTWHEEL" RETURNS

Manufacturers in Freeport, Ill., pulled an interesting stunt a few days ago when they met their entire weekly payroll with 40,000 silver dollars. Instead of getting the customary envelopes filled with bills, the workers got little canvas sacks filled with dollars—heavy, clinking, and somehow exceedingly satisfying to handle.

The step was taken, it is explained, to help popularize silver currency and to co-operate with the administration in its silver policy. And it wasn't, when you stop to think about it, a bad idea.

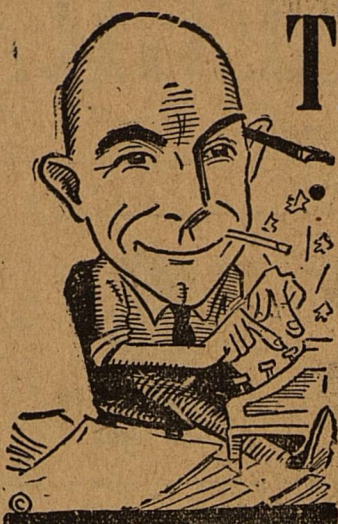
There is something solid and comforting about the feeling of a silver dollar in your hands or in your pockets. It feels like more money than a dollar bill, for some reason; it rings in such an authoritative manner when you slap it down on a counter to buy something.

In many parts of the country the silver dollar never is seen any more. It wouldn't be a bad stunt to make it once again a popular medium of daily exchange.

Side Glances by Clark



"Well, we can't pay anything on Junior's alimony until Irene gets a check from her ex-husband."



The Town Quack

(Reserves the right to "quack" about everything without taking a stand on anything.)

A small boy told his dad, "I've just had a scene with your wife."

I know a young man who got his BA and his MA, but his PA is what is keeping him in spending money.

When a local man's check for \$415 was marked "insufficient," he told the banker that the institution should be turned over to a receiver if it couldn't pay off that amount.

Here are a couple of good ones I clipped:

I once met a girl from old Ga. Who danced with a cute leaning ta. But her chat could affa. No pleasures—she ba. By talking of men down in Ga.

The musical instrument salesman were having a convention. Finally the chairman called upon the young man who had won the prize for selling the most saxophones. He was asked to tell how he was so successful.

"I move into a large apartment house," explained the salesman "and play a saxophone for a week. Then I hang out a sign saying 'Saxophone for sale,' and everyone in the place comes in to buy!"

List of Ten Most Popular Movie Stars Excludes Garbo and Hepburn! Marie 1st

BY DAN THOMAS
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

HOLLYWOOD—Motion picture favorites are not de-throned easily from their coveted niches in the cinema heavens.

But it's bad business for a screen favorite to remain away from the public view for more than a few months at a time.

Two important facts gleaned in a poll of 12,000 exhibitors by the Motion Picture Herald, one of the leading film trade publications.

Returns from the questionnaire, sent to the exhibitors asking them to name the ten players who drew the greatest number of patrons to their theaters from Sept. 1, 1932, to Sept. 1, 1933, revealed that seven of the 1931-32 winners again were named among the ten leaders.

It also showed Garbo dropped from fifth to 31st place, despite the fact that two of her films were playing during that time.

The ten most popular stars, as revealed by this poll, are, in the order of their ranking: Marie Dressler, Will Rogers, Janet Gaynor, Eddie Cantor, Wallace Beery, Jean Harlow, Clark Gable, Mae West, Norma Shearer and Joan Crawford.

Three Newcomers
Cantor, Miss Harlow and Miss West are the three new names on this list. They replace Garbo, Charles Farrell and Joe E. Brown. Farrell, like Garbo, however, was off the screen during most of that period and Brown dropped to only 11th place, which doesn't mean a great deal.

One of the most surprising facts disclosed by the poll is that Katharine Hepburn, generally considered the sensation of the screen today, is quite a distance down on the list. That is attributed to the fact that Miss Hepburn did not score heavily with the fans in her first two films.

"Morning Glory" and "Little Women," however, are telling a different story and there is no doubt that Miss Hepburn will be right up among the leaders at the end of 1934.

Comedienne an Easy Winner
Miss Dressler easily secured the top spot on this list, being several points ahead of the field. Will Rogers had no competition for second place. But Eddie Cantor gave Janet Gaynor a close race for third place. Mae West was even a little closer on the heels of Clark Gable for seventh place and Joan Crawford barely nosed out Joe E. Brown for tenth place.

Another interesting disclosure is the way certain stars have climbed during the last year. Mae West, of course, set the record, going from nothing into eighth place in a single leap.

Bing Crosby, in practically his first year in pictures, also was a brilliant climber, and so were Lionel Barrymore, Zasu Pitts, Slim Summerville, Robert Montgomery, Helen Hayes, and Paul Muni.

Who Will Be Next Ten?
With these players ascending the ladder of popularity in such manner and with Miss Hepburn coming ahead with such startling rapidity, it will be interesting to see who will fill the first ten places at the close of 1934. It's almost a cinch that there will be more changes than were brought about by this poll.

But the fans have indicated that it takes quite a lot to pry them loose from their old favorites, so the race in all probability will be close.

Chevigny's Popular Nature May Offset Failure of Teams

BY VERNON A. MCGEE
United Press Staff Correspondent

AUSTIN (UP)—Jack Chevigny, newly elected University of Texas football coach, is riding high on a wave of popularity but there are those who fear the crest of the wave may break.

Chevigny is Central Texas' "man of the hour" if newspaper headlines are a fair indication. A single copy of an Austin daily newspaper recently carried the following heads:

Page seven, eight-column banner: "Jack Chevigny Asks Confidence Of Football Players. Coach Tells Men All Have Chance To Make Team. Largest Audience In Years Comes Out To Hear Mentor

for taking part in civil affairs.

"Nor should directors of these civic affairs be criticized. They had a job to be put over in a grand way and they picked the most likely man to put it over in that style. But yet Skepticism clouded the speaker's face.

Others have expressed a fear that the present magic in Chevigny's personality may lead football fandom to regard him as a "miracle man."

"Three of the University's athletic councilors are of the frank opinion that a new coach, a devastating schedule, and a mediocre team will leave little room for any miracles during the 1934 football season.

To all of which Chevigny himself has said nothing.

Cause of Excitement 134-Year-Old Paper

STEPHENVILLE (AP)—News sometimes becomes so old it is new again. At least there was a great deal of interest shown by a group of persons who had an opportunity to read an account of George Washington's funeral in a newspaper on display here.

A copy of the Ulster County Gazette, published Jan. 4, 1800, in Kingston, N. Y., by Samuel Freer and Son, was the cause for the excitement.

The ancient four-page, four-column newspaper contains a full account of the burial of George Washington, who had died almost a month before. The story details the order of the procession, the military units and lists the pall-bearers.

A story that would today merit a two-line column streamer in the largest type took an inside position in the old Lister County Gazette.

The one-line headline states: "Washington Entombed." Other news in the 134-year-old newspaper almost exclusively with foreign activities and with the doings of congress. Congressional record of today, is about one month old and foreign news in this Jan. 4 edition is dated all the way from October to December, 1799. The foreign news deals chiefly with military activities in Europe.

There is no local news except an announcement of Sheriff's sales and advertising. The back page consists almost wholly of such matter.

The paper, which probably is one of the oldest American newspapers outside of museums and historical libraries, is in a good state of preservation, every line of print being readable.

WOMAN'S INFLUENCE

AMARILLO (AP)—The influence of a woman in the postmaster's office is reflected in the uniforms now being worn by postal clerks here. The names of those who wait on the public are embroidered on their jackets.

SOCIETY

Good Attendance At Study Club Meeting

Good attendance marked the regular monthly meeting of the study club of the Watson School of Music Tuesday evening at the First Methodist church.

Officers for the ensuing season were elected and follow: Miss Lela Mae Miles, president; Miss Agnes Mae Tyner, vice president; Miss Ila Merle Patterson, secretary; Miss Margaret Tyner, critic, and Miss Melba Lee, reporter.

The varied musical program was opened with a number, "Beauty Bright Scholastic" by Hasfeld, given by the Spectrum club. "Donkey Party" by Greenwald was the violin solo expressively fingered by Louis Rae Bewley. Reynour Schneider showed excellent training when she played a piano solo, "Heather Rose" by Lang. "Tin Soldiers" by John, violin solo by Caroline Oates, was greatly applauded.

A feature of the program was the unique dialogue of "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf" by Jean Lewis. Miss Melba Lee played as a piano solo "Spanish Dance" by Greenwald. "Firecrackers" by Greenwald was played by Melba Nixon. The violin, while little Shirley Ruth Johnson gave a piano solo of Sonatina Op. No. 1 by Deisek. Artistic fingering was heard when Miss Isabel McClintic played "Grand Polka de Concert" by Bartlett. Concluding the program was an expressively toned number by the Student's orchestra, "Gloria Overture" by Handel.

Personals

B. A. Jackson of Henrietta, Okla., is visiting his sons, C. L. and Martin Jackson. He came here two weeks ago when Mrs. Martin Jackson returned from a visit with relatives in Oklahoma, and has spent most the time in oil towns of this area.

Wiley Jones and Bob Waldo, of El Reno, Okla., are business visitors here today.

R. E. Lane of Dallas is a business visitor in Midland.

A. J. Cunningham of Dallas is transacting business here today.

L. R. Floyd of Fort Worth spent Tuesday night here.

Billy Estell spent the week end here from Fort Worth transacting business.

Bridge Tournament Thursday Evening

Midlanders desiring to enter the third World Bridge Olympic to be held Thursday night are asked to enter their names with Miss Fannie Bess Taylor, game captain appointed by the Olympic committee of the National Bridge association, or any member of the Midland Bridge club, organization sponsoring the tournament.

The tournament is held each year for the improvement of the game and to enable each participant to make a comparison of his playing with other entrants in their home town, as well as with players from every other locality and also against a known par of each of the 16 hands to be played.

A non-partisan committee, composed of 20 bridge experts and representing all bidding systems, studied bridge hands for a year to select tests suitable for the Olympic. The hands finally secured are hands, it is declared, that will provide a splendid test for experts, average players and beginners. The Olympic committee claims that these hands are equally responsive to any bidding system and that the Olympic players, besides having the thrill of competing against 148,998 other players throughout the country, will be fascinated by them. Each player is sent a complete analysis of the correct bidding and play for each hand.

A. P. Hill of Rankin is here visiting with relatives.

Bob Cooper has gone to Oklahoma City after a visit here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Cooper.

Mrs. W. W. Brunson has gone to Mineral Wells for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ingham have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Jess Moseley of El Paso and Messrs. C. S. Ingham and Saybrook Road of Haddam, Conn.

Mrs. R. J. Stengel has as her guest Mrs. Jones of Monahans.

H. L. Atkins, Odessa county agent, and John M. Gist were visitors here yesterday.

Judge and Mrs. Lindsay and children have returned to Lamesa after spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bucy.

Miss Bertha McGrew has returned from a market trip to Dallas.

Rijnhart Circle Holds Bible Study

The Rijnhart circle of the First Christian church met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. B. Pemberton with twelve members present.

The Bible study covered from the fifteenth to nineteenth chapters of the book of Numbers.

Announcements

Thursday
Meeting of the Junior Robyn club at the Watson Studio Thursday afternoon at 3:30.

Mrs. R. E. Kimsey will be hostess to the Bien Amigos club Thursday afternoon at 2:30.

Friday
Meeting of the Belmont Bible class Friday afternoon at 3:30 with Mrs. Roy McKee, 1508 S. Lorraine.

Social meeting of the Friendly Builders class of the First Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. D. Ponder, 725 W. Louisiana.

Mrs. Mary S. Ray has gone to Fort Worth to visit for several days with her brother.

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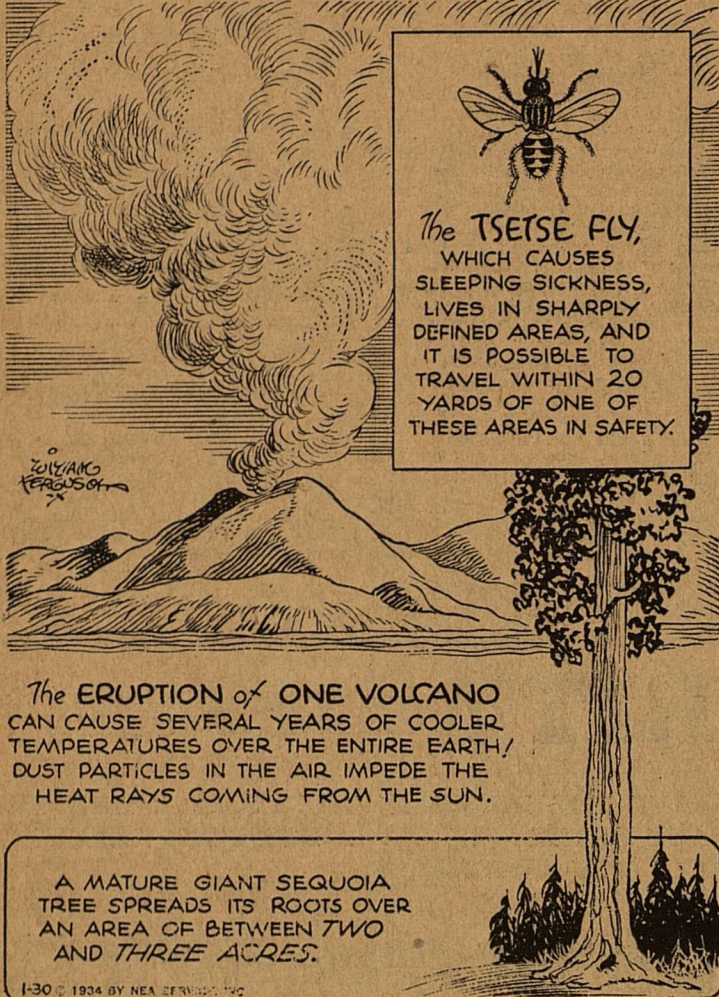
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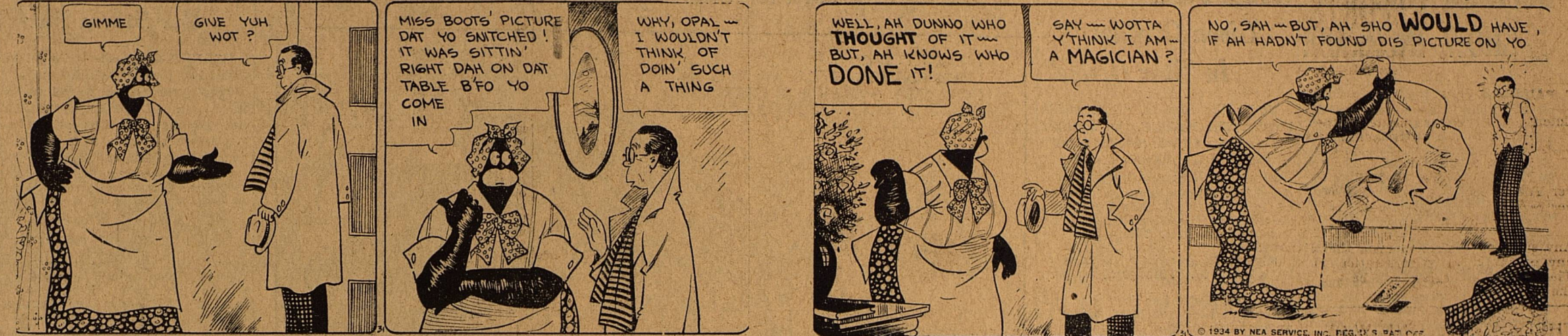
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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

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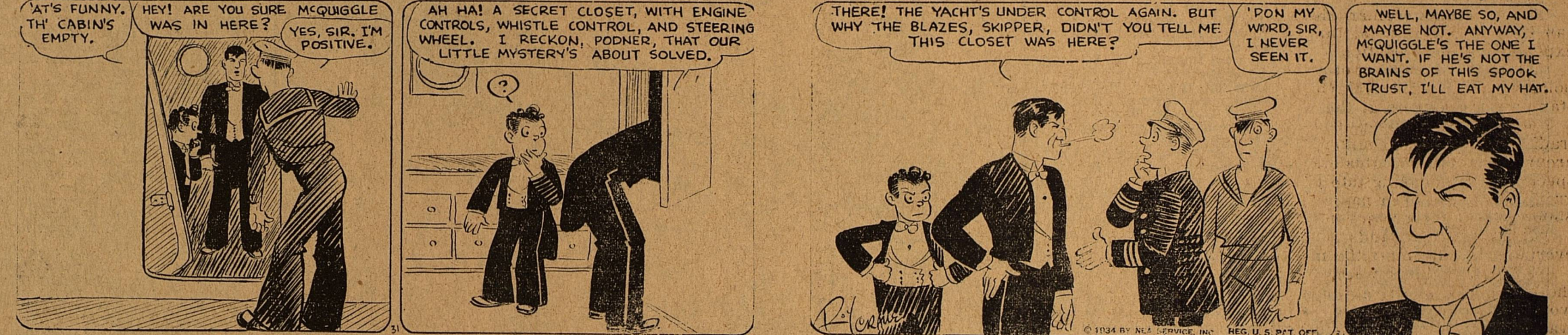
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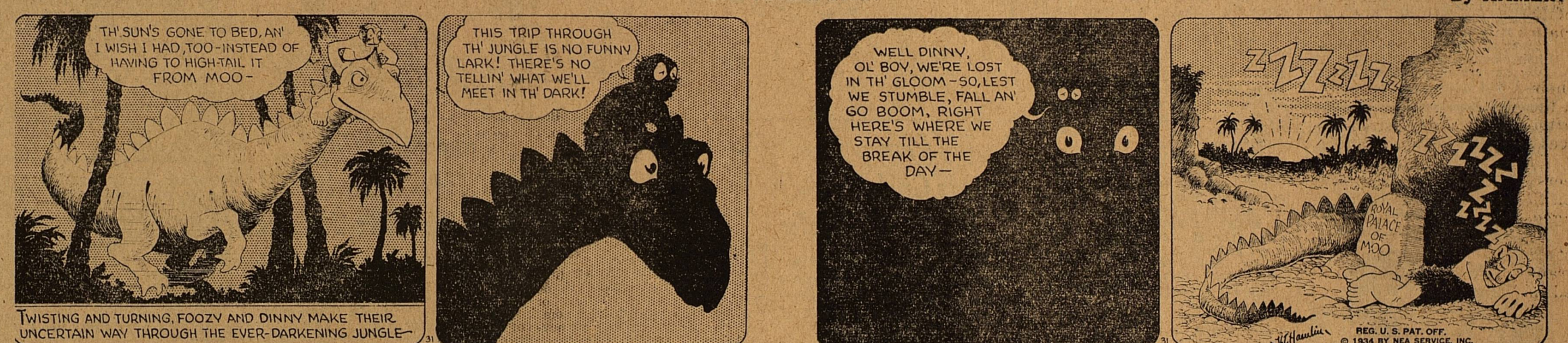
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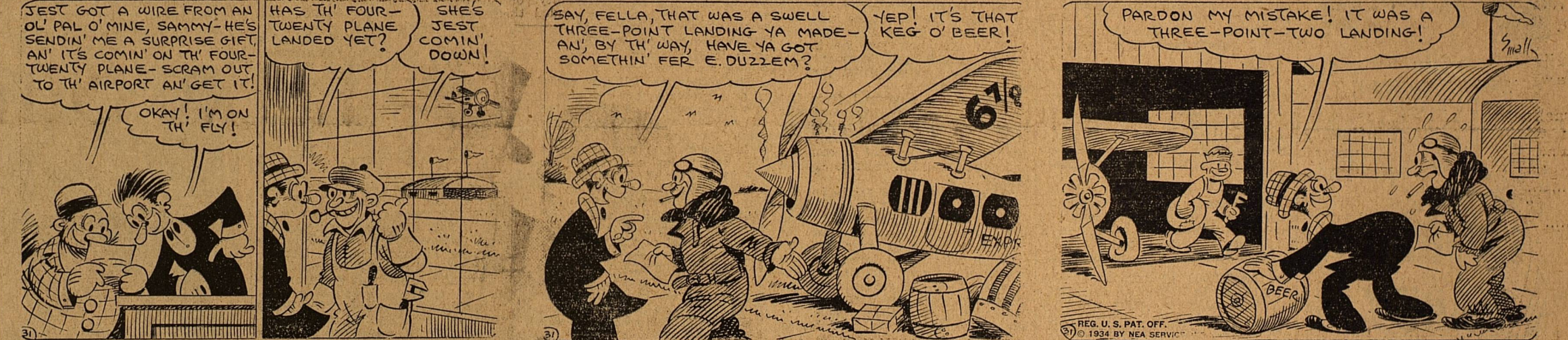
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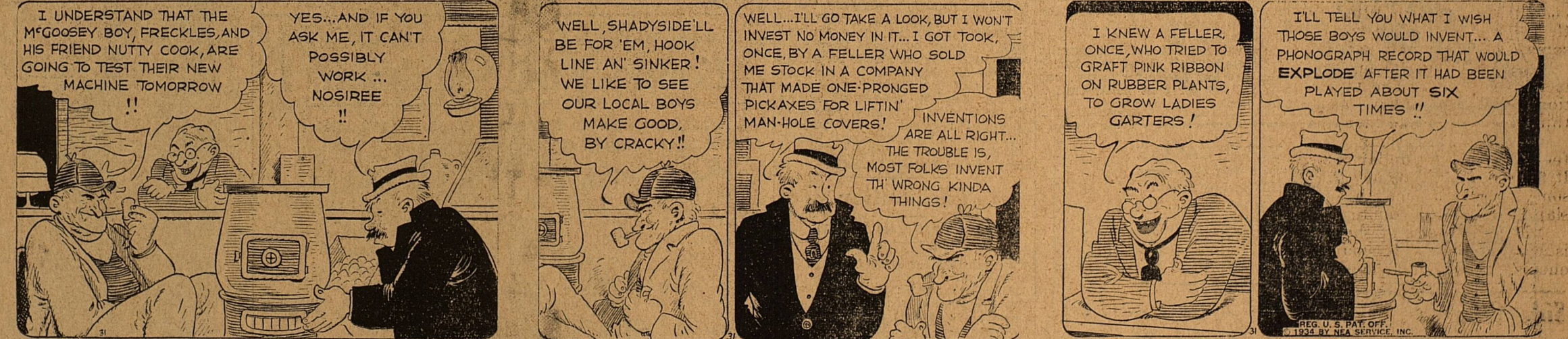
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Hot Stove League!

By BLOSSER



OUT OUR WAY

By WILLIAMS

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

By AHERN



Showers Boost

Price of Lambs

SAN ANGELO.—(AP)—General rain over this part of West Texas have lifted the price of range mutton lambs a cent a pound to six cents. A number of purchases have been made at this figure for range mutton lambs, while some buyers have offered 6 1/4 cents a pound for 65-pound mutton lambs.

Steady prices for wool have helped the range lamb market and some West Texans believe the spring clip of 12-months wool will go as high as 50 cents a pound.

Nannie goats are bringing \$1.50 to \$3 a head. There also is some activity in mutton goats. Many ranchmen are holding their goats because they believe mohair may bring good prices in the spring and the goats will shear from 3 to 4 pounds each. Kids are bringing from \$1.25 to \$1.50 in the Rocksprings section. This time last year goats could scarcely be given away.

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- For County Commissioner: (Precinct No. 3) D. L. HUTT (Re-Election)
- For County Commissioner: (Precinct No. 4) CARL SMITH (Re-Election)
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DECEMBER SALES
SHOW INCREASE

DALLAS, Jan. 31. (AP)—Sales in all reporting lines were substantially larger in December than a year ago, according to the monthly Business Review of the Federal Reserve bank of Dallas, released today. The review states that the outstanding developments in the Federal Reserve district during the past month were a stronger undertone of confidence and a noticeable expansion in the demand for merchandise.

Sales of department stores in principal cities, the Review finds, reflected an increase of 63 per cent over the previous month. This was considerably larger than seasonal and exceeded those of the closing month of 1932 by 22 per cent. In December sales in some lines were greater than in November and in others the declines were less than seasonal.

Due to active consumer buying, the Review continues, many retailers had to make replacement purchases to meet the demand. Collections were well sustained during the month. Debts to individual accounts were 12 per cent larger than in either the previous month or the corresponding month last year.

Reflecting the improved trade conditions, the number of commercial failures remained near the low November figure and the liabilities of defaulting firms were smaller than in any month since July, 1927.

General rains over a large portion of this district since late in December have greatly benefited winter crops and livestock ranges. Nevertheless, there remains a deficiency in subsoil moisture due to the fall drought, and much additional rainfall is needed to overcome this shortage. Farmers generally have made good progress with winter plowing. Ranges are still in poor condition over a large area, but livestock have held up fairly well.

Member bank deposits showed a further expansion in December. The daily average of combined net demand and time deposits amounted

Hodge Family
Given Ovation
In "Box Office"

Under the caption, "Remarkable Family, The Hodes", the January issue of Box Office, moving picture magazine, paid tribute to H. T. Hodge of Abilene and his sons and daughters, all of whom are interested in theatres. J. Howard Hodge, manager of the Ritz theatre here, is one of the sons. The article follows:

Ripley's Believe It Or Not is missing a bet in H. T. Hodge of Abilene, Texas.

For Mr. Hodge has four sons and three daughters, each of whom is an exhibitor in his or her right, each owning a show or shows in various towns of West Texas.

Let's recapitulate the Hodge clan: Youngest son, Norman T. Hodge, has the Palace theatre at Anson. Sanford J. Hodge has the Ritz and Alcovite at Stamford.

J. Howard Hodge has the Ritz and Grand at Midland.

Oldest son, Homer J. Hodge, has the Queen and Lyric at Winters. Mrs. W. D. Scales, daughter, has the Palace at Ballinger, along with Son-In-Law Scales.

Mrs. O. B. Laird, daughter, along with Son-In-Law Laird, has the Lyric at Odessa.

Miss Alice Nesmith, daughter, formerly had the theatre at Merkel, now leased out to other interest, and is at present assisting her father at Abilene.

The H. and H. Theatre circuit had its beginning at Abilene in 1913. It expanded slowly to 1919, attaining peak in numbers in 1929 when 15 theatres were operated. At present there are eleven houses in the circuit, in seven towns.

Foundation of the modest Hodge fortune, however, is laid in Abilene where Papa Hodge is a permanent fixture. In his comfortable home at 340 Butternut street, Mr. Hodge does most of the booking for the circuit, operates his own paper exchange in the loft of a building nearby and otherwise looks after the interest of his brood. In this he is assisted by the indefatigable Mrs. Hodge. "She's the boss," Mr. Hodge smilingly remarks.

Until a few years ago, the elder Hodge was active in managing his own theatre. By degrees, however, he trained his children to take charge and, bit by bit, parceled out the Hodge holdings in West Texas towns. The H. and H. circuit is a closed proposition, operated by and for the Hodge family. Christmas saw virtually thirty members of the family gathered around the festive board in Abilene.

Mr. Hodge was asked the secret of his success.

"Hard work," he smiled, "and close attention to business. I have been, successively, farmer, rancher, merchant and utilities owner but I find the theatre game the most fascinating of all. It is in that field that I have registered my greatest success."

Some degree of luck is attached to the Hodge operations. In 1927, when he sold his Abilene interests to the Dent circuit, the whole state was on a boom but a few years later saw tough times for the larger theatre operations. It is generally conceded the sale was a fortunate stroke.

An unusual cure for insomnia, suggested by recent experiments, is black bedclothes and pillows in a black bed in a dark room.

to \$680,863.000 as compared with \$654,145.000 in November, and \$613,028.000 in December, 1932. This figure is the highest reported since late in 1931, and is \$100,000,000 above the low point reached in August, 1933. Federal reserve bank loans to member banks totaled only \$440,000 on January 18, as compared with \$1,003,000 a month earlier, and \$4,369,000 a year ago.

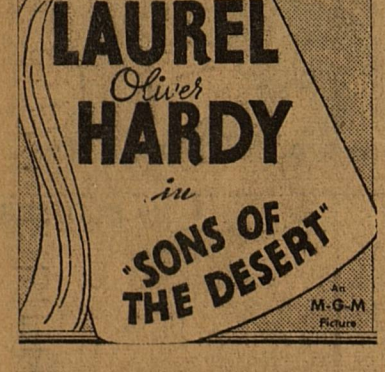
The valuation of building permits in December was 17 per cent larger than the low November figure, but was still 29 per cent below that of a year earlier.

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For the first time in his career since he attained stardom, Charley Chase, popular Hal Roach comedian, is appearing in the cast of a picture other than his own.

Reading the script of "Sons of the Desert," the new Laurel and Hardy full-length feature comedy, one day recently, Chase was intrigued by a "good time Charlie" part in the story and he immediately sought out Director William Seiter and suggested that he be given the role.

When Seiter recovered from the shock of a star offering to appear in support of others, he immediately secured Charley's signature on the dotted line of a contract and then asked the actor to explain himself.

"Why, there's no catch to it," explained Chase. "I'm delighted at the opportunity to work with Stan and Oliver and the part, as I see it, is made to order for me."

Chase, who has a large fan following of his own, has been a Hal Roach - M-G-M-M stellar comedian for many years and has appeared in scores of fun films under this banner. He and Laurel and Hardy have been warm friends since they first met on the Roach "lot" and each is an admirer of the other's peculiar comedy talents. There has never been any professional jealousy among the three funsters and on many occasions they have exchanged ideas for their respective comedy offerings.

"Sons of the Desert," which begins a two-day engagement at the Yucca theatre Thursday, boasts of an eminent supporting cast, including, besides Chase, such well known players as Mae Busch, Dorothy Christy and Lucien Littlefield.

Vaccination
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who last October sought to get the injunction.

Associate Justice Lattimore, who wrote the opinion, set forth, "that vaccination against smallpox is an efficient and accepted act tending toward immunization, this court is judiciously aware. These and other similar discoveries have brought preventive medicine into the sunlight, inspiring those who guard our health to strive to keep us from getting sick rather than to cure us after we have become diseased."

"Against this blessing we must not set our faces."

The opinion held that the fact Dr. H. V. Helbing is a physician and a member of the school board was no of sufficient interest to prohibit him from voting for compulsory vaccination.

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Shamrock Sees
Much Drilling

SHAMROCK. (AP)—Prospects of considerable oil drilling near Shamrock are shown in the increased interest in leasing since the bringing in of an estimated 100-barrel well on the Osbourne location in section 47, block 13.

It has been predicted by oil men that Shamrock may see its largest oil boom if further developments take place on the location east of town where interest now centers notwithstanding that a number of wells are going down near the Magic City territory west of Shamrock. A large part of the drilling west of town is offsets but there also are several new locations.

The Osbourne well was completed as a gasser a year ago at a steel line measurement of 2,143 feet. The gas volume was 1,800,000 feet and came from the pay at 2,128 to 2,136 feet. Recently it was deepened to 2,193 and picked up free oil at 2,190 to 2,193 and the well started flowing at 10 barrels an hour through the Bradenhead on the 3-inch casing with 1,500 feet of oil standing in the 6-inch casing. The 6-inch was set at 2,150.

PAPER ABSORBS WATER

WORCESTER, Mass.—(U.P.) A fire at the Arcade Ballroom puzzle firemen because after they had poured thousands of gallons of water into the building, not a drop leaked out. It was discovered later, however, that \$10,000 worth of wall paper had absorbed it all.

"Convention City"
Offers Comedy at
The Ritz Theatre

One of the largest and best balanced casts ever assembled for a single picture will be seen in the First National comedy, "Convention City," showing today and tomorrow at the Ritz theatre. The list is headed by the blonde and vivacious Joan Blondell, star of "Havana Widows" and a member of the all star casts of "Footlight Parade" and "Gold Diggers of 1933."

Miss Blondell has the role of a super gold digger in "Convention City," who wrecks a couple of homes and disrupts an entire convention of salesmen by her flirtations. The leading masculine role is played by Adolphe Menjou, who is appearing in his first picture under his new contract to the First National studios. He will be remembered for his remarkable work in "Morning Glory," "The Murder of the Circus Queen" and "A Farewell to Arms."

Mary Astor is another star in an important role, this also being her first picture under long term contract for the company. She has appeared in other First National pictures but was recently given an exclusive contract because of her splendid performance in "The World Changes" with Paul Muni.

Dick Powell and Patricia Ellis, who have made remarkable strides in screen popularity in the past year, have the juvenile and ingenue roles

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1 Deified title of the pictured religious teacher.
6 His name was — Sid-dhartha.
12 Hodgepodge.
13 Grassy plots.
16 Part of the eye.
17 Wayside hotel.
18 To drink deeply.
20 Bronze.
21 Minor note.
22 Credit.
23 Toward.
25 Northeast.
26 Form of "be."
27 Food container.
29 His religion is 52 Too, practiced in a 53 Ringlet.
30 Picked out.
32 House cat.
33 Small cask.
35 Exists.
37 Therefore.
38 Type standard.
62 He was a —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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OPERA AVE AMASS
TAME STIPS OIDE
TUACACALEPHILIT
CLAND EX-USARA
EROS EX-NILE
LOST EMPRESS
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OVOLMAY LABATE
WORLDWAR EXILED

VERTICAL

14 Measure of area.
15 Grief.
18 Those who produce.
19 And so forth.
22 Weeps.
24 Calking material.
26 Snake.
28 The tip.
31 Final emancipation of the soul.
34 He was believed to have been an —
36 Departed by boat.
39 More depressed.
41 Long pole.
44 To be in debt.
45 Waistcoats.
46 To bellow.
48 Behold.
51 Before Christ.
53 Baking dish.
54 Ocean.
57 3,1416.
59 August (abbr.).

Delegates to Ask
For Storm Patrol

GALVESTON (AP)—In their campaign for the establishment of a coast guard storm patrol service in the Gulf of Mexico, the Galveston Boosters club has selected a committee of three men to go to Washington for conferences with heads of various governmental agencies. The organization desires to have some form of storm patrol service established before the 1931 hurricane season.

Claiming that the government's storm reporting service is inadequate and that advance information concerning approaching storms is highly important to various Gulf ports, the Boosters organization drew up a plan providing for the locating of three coast guard vessels in the Gulf during July, August, September and October. One of the ships would cruise some distance north-west of Havana, another in the central area north of Yucatan peninsula and the third in the western gulf some distance north and east of Tampico.

The petition sent to Washington requested the coast guard to detail at least three ships for the purpose of locating tropical hurricanes, and report their course and intensity. This information would immediately be passed to the weather bureau at Washington which in turn would notify weather bureaus from Key West to Brownsville so that the position of hurricanes could be fixed and followed more accurately.

Extermination of
Signs Requested

AUSTIN (AP)—The state highway patrol has been asked by officials to undertake a "sign extermination" campaign along state highways.

The request recalled to L. G. Phares, highway patrol chief, an occasion when he was mistaken for a liquor hijacker.

Accompanied by one of the patrol captains Phares went to the Pecos country to remove a sign that obstructed one of the highways. The man who erected the sign was reported to have threatened that removal of it would be avenged.

Phares and the captain removed the sign late at night. An automobile came along while they were wiring it to their car. Later Phares and his companion passed the vehicle while on their way to toss the sign into the Pecos river. While they were doing so the automobile again passed them.

When this car reached a small town a few miles down the road it was stopped by the sheriff who was watching for hijackers. The occupants told the sheriff the men he was hunting were only a few miles away.

"We saw them dumping the liquor into the Pecos river," they told the sheriff.

sheriff.

Phares is telling a story on himself concerning his marksmanship. Returning from the hurricane chief had stopped to take some pictures of citrus lying on the ground when a farmer asked him to shoot his dog which he feared had rabies.

Phares, although disliking the task, pulled his big nickel-plated .45 revolver and took a stand about seven or eight feet away from the animal which was tied to a tree.

He blazed away once, twice and three and all the animal did was whimper. Phares looked at his gun to see if he had bullets in it and then fired again with the same results. On the fifth shot the dog slumped over.

"If you ever tell anyone about this I'll jail you," he warned newspapermen accompanying him.

CIGAR LEFT HIM BREATHLESS
LYNN, Mass.—(U.P.) Despite the fact that the police officer smelled no liquor on William G. Hughes' breath when he arrested him, he was fined in court on a charge of drunken driving. The court explained the reason for the lack of the liquid odor was because Hughes swallowed his cigar.

Female eagles are larger than their males.

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